

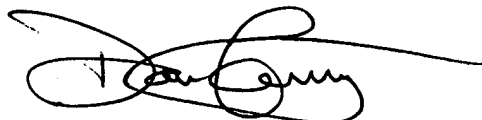
## REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse the examiner's restriction requirement as set forward in the most recent office action. Groups I-VI are each drawn to identical subject matter, namely a protein having the sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO.2, or one having at least 85% homology therewith, optionally substituted at one of six specific amino acids. The examiner cannot fairly be said to have established an undue burden in searching and examining the above group of proteins together. Search and examination of any one of the identified sequences will almost certainly yield the necessary information for examination of all other sequences currently at issue. Accordingly, as the burden on the examiner will not be undue, applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that the claims be examined as presently constituted. Applicants elect Group I, with traverse.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants consider that the rejections of record have been obviated and respectfully solicit passage of the application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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